

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A heat and pressure consolidated laminate, comprising in superimposed relationship:

a core layer containing at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting resin; and

a first decorative layer consisting essentially of leather; and

a bond formed from the thermosetting resin, which bond consolidates the layers together within the laminate.

2. (Original) The laminate of claim 1 wherein said thermosetting resin is a phenol-formaldehyde resin.

3. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein said first decorative layer is bonded leather having a sheet thickness ranging from about 0.2 mm to about 4.0 mm.

4. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, further comprising an overlay layer disposed on a side of said decorative layer opposite said core layer.

5. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, further comprising a second decorative layer, disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer, said second decorative layer consisting essentially of leather.

6. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, further comprising a backer layer of at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting resin, said backer layer being disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the decorative layer.

7. (Previously presented) A heat and pressure consolidated laminate, comprising in superimposed relationship:

a core layer containing at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting phenol-formaldehyde resin, said cellulosic sheet having a resin content ranging from about 25 percent to about 35 percent;

a first decorative layer consisting essentially of a bonded leather having a sheet thickness ranging from about 0.2 mm to about 4.0 mm; and

an overlay layer disposed on a side of said first decorative layer opposite the core layer, said overlay layer being at least one sheet of alpha cellulose paper impregnated with a melamine formaldehyde resin.

22. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 7, further comprising a second decorative layer disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer.

23. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 22, where the second decorative layer consists essentially of a leather material.

24. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 7, further comprising a backer layer disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer.

25. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 24, where the backer layer comprises at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting resin.

26. (Currently Amended) A heat and pressure consolidated laminate, comprising in superimposed relationship:

a core layer containing at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting phenol-formaldehyde resin, the cellulosic sheet having a resin content ranging from about 25 percent to about 35 percent; and

a first decorative layer consisting essentially of leather, the first decorative layer having a sheet thickness ranging from about 0.2 mm to about 4.0 mm; and

a bond formed from the thermosetting resin, which bond consolidates the layers together within the laminate.

27. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 26, further comprising an overlay layer disposed on a side of the first decorative layer opposite the core layer.

28. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 27, where the overlay layer comprises at least one sheet of alpha cellulose paper impregnated with a melamine formaldehyde resin.

29. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 26, further comprising a second decorative layer disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer.

30. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 29, where the second decorative layer consists essentially of leather.

31. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 26, further comprising a backer layer disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer.

32. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 31, where the backer layer comprises at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting resin.

34. (Currently Amended) A heat and pressure consolidated laminate, comprising in superimposed relationship:

a core layer containing at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting resin; and

a first decorative layer consisting essentially of a leather animal hide; and

a bond formed from the thermosetting resin, which bond consolidates the layers together within the laminate.

35. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 34, further comprising a second decorative layer, disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer, said second decorative layer consisting essentially of a leather animal hide.

36. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 34, further comprising a backer layer of at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting resin, said backer layer being disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the decorative layer.

37. (Currently Amended) A heat and pressure consolidated laminate, comprising in superimposed relationship:

a core layer containing at least one cellulosic sheet impregnated with a thermosetting phenol-formaldehyde resin;

a first decorative layer consisting essentially of a bonded leather animal hide; and

an overlay layer disposed on a side of said first decorative layer opposite the core layer;

and

a bond formed from the thermosetting resin, which bond consolidates the layers together within the laminate.

38. (Previously Presented) The laminate of claim 37, further comprising a second decorative layer disposed on the side of the core layer opposite the first decorative layer, and wherein the second decorative layer consists essentially of a leather animal hide.